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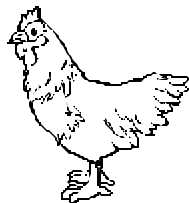
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices were mostly trending unchanged for next week. Trade sentiment was steady to about steady. Demand covered the full range with strongest movement for retail and fast food specials and into areas where spring weather sparked interest. Supplies of smaller sizes were sufficient, heavier weights more available. In the parts structure, trading was fair to good supported by retail ads and orders for weekend needs. Breast items were no more than adequate to tight, particularly boneless skinless and bone-in, and wings were readily available. Dark meat was adequate to often close for leg quarters. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at irregular, but mostly desirable weights.

Preliminary report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 04/22/02-04/27/02 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	42.00-45.00	42.00-65.00	44.67	24
Los Angeles	67.00			
New York	44.00-46.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	59.00-62.00	44.00-62.50	61.29	82

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 62.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
794	56.30-64.50	62.39
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:		
ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	180.00	1,274
BREASTS - B/S	134.00	4,569
BREASTS - WHOLE	66.00	1,115
THIGH MEAT - B/S	82.50	777
LEG QUARTERS	20.00	8,217
WINGS	65.00	3,266

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MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment on whole fryers was steady. Additional offers of whole fryers and WOG's were light but adequate for buyer's current needs. Retail movement in a full range, light to good, best where featured or where warm weather has stimulated activity. Food service movement fair to occasionally good, best into fast food outlets. Floor stocks were adequate with sizes desirable. Supplies of breast items and leg items adequate to close, wings available. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady on wings, steady to instances fully steady on breast items and leg quarters.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was about steady. Demand entering the weekend was light to fair, instances moderate for specials and to cover weekend needs. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate for trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was fair to fairly good and improved aided by retail features and fast food promotions. As a result, boneless skinless and bone-in breasts were close to short with increased movement. Wings and dark meat were readily available, although leg quarters were closer balanced. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy, mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices were unchanged from last week. Trading reported for next week's deliveries were at mainly unchanged to occasionally lower prices. Offerings were overall ample to cover immediate needs. Demand for whole body product was light to moderate and parts moderate to good, best where features and specials in progress. Dealers anticipated moderate weekend carryovers. Ads noted: Southern California – whole body 56-69, whole cut-up 119, boneless breast 167-328, boneless leg meat 97-129, split breast 89-119, whole leg 67, leg quarter 89, 10# bag leg quarter 390, wings 139, thigh 67-89, 4# bag thigh 299, drumstick 67-89, 4# bag drumstick 299, 5# bag drumstick 295, roaster 98-129, Cornish hen 149; Northern California – whole body 99, roaster 98, boneless breast 329, boneless thigh meat 249, split breast 169-199, thigh 99, drumstick 99, whole leg 99; Colorado – whole body 99, boneless breast 349, chicken tender 399, split breast 99, 4# IQF split breast 599, drumstick 99-139, thigh 99-139; Arizona – whole body 69-119, Cornish hen 149-199, boneless breast 159-299, 4# IQF boneless breast 999, marinated boneless breast 369-469, boneless thigh meat 199, split breast 125-199, leg quarter 69-119, thigh 69-119, drumstick 69-119; Washington – best of fryers 159, boneless breast 299, split breast 249; Oregon – whole cut-up 119, whole leg 99, 4# IQF split breast 599.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers increased slightly entering the weekend, however, dealers usually limited purchases to most immediate needs. Offerings of the 2.5 to 3 pound birds were at least adequate but clearing satisfactorily. The 3.5 pound and larger sizes were fully sufficient. Movement through retail and distributive channels was slow. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, breast items ranged no more than adequate to instances tight. Legs and leg quarters were at least sufficient. Wings were available.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was no better than fair and generally below expectations entering the weekend. Seller offerings were at least adequate to fully adequate on the heavier sizes; smaller sizes were sufficient. Live supplies were moderate; weights ranged light to heavy, mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 47 to 61 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady. In the parts complex, breast items were about adequate and well cleared; balance of items were adequate to available.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

		BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
RANGE		42-68
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		49.42
NO. OF BOXES		7,753
CUMULATIVE	04/15/02-04/19/02	49.12
	04/16/01-04/20/01	56.57
NO. OF BOXES	04/15/02-04/19/02	46,555
	04/16/01-04/20/01	44,645

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

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ITEM	POUNDS				POUNDS				WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	776	109.00-189.00	118-123	131.12	757	112.00-189.00	122-128	126.78	4,059	124.39
TENDERLOINS	116	130.00-195.00	130-135	139.09	TOO FEW TO REPORT				646	145.53
BREAST - LINE RUN	79	65.00-68.50	65-67	67.16	82	64.50-69.00	66-67	67.14	501	66.53
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				350	55.03
LEGS	90	26.00-36.00	26-27	27.11	90	26.00-36.00	27-28	27.11	448	26.71
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	390	15.00-18.00	15-16	15.54	430	14.25-18.00	15-16	15.42	2,028	15.16
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,340	17.00-25.50	19-20	19.77	1,460	17.00-25.50	19-20	19.97	6,590	19.60
WINGS (WHOLE)	281	51.00-68.00	-	65.56	281	51.00-68.00	66-68	65.56	1,782	67.39
WINGS (CUT)	377	69.00-79.00	70-73	72.64	287	69.00-75.00	70-72	71.13	1,534	72.53
DRUMSTICKS	69	36.00-40.50	-	39.91	69	36.00-40.50	-	36.59	376	37.53
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				170	38.97
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				100	84.60

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS*****
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TRADING FOR APR 18, 2002 F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S

TRADING FOR APR 19, 2002 F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S**5-DAY****RANGE****AVERAGE****RANGE****AVERAGE****AVERAGE**

35.13 - 36.63

35.40

34.65 - 38.50

36.21

35.15

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity ranged fair to instances fairly good as dealers assumed product to cover week-end needs. Offerings of breast items were no more than adequate to instances tight. Legs and leg quarters were at least adequate to available. Wings were generally sufficient. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate, with better draw noted where feature activity was in progress. The market tone remained fully steady to firm on breast items and about steady on the balance.

ICE PACKED B/F PARTS, DLIVRD TO 1ST RCVRs IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER LB.

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CURRENT NEG**WTD****CURRENT NEG****WTD**

APR 19

WEEKLY

ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	120	122.11	408,580	120-125	124.89	344,480	121.97	2,060,390
TENDERLOINS	125-130	135.68	31,400	125-130	135.73	47,360	133.28	290,480
BREAST - WITH RIBS	61-62	66.94	200,880	62-63	67.90	136,200	66.67	889,440
BREAST - LINE RUN	61	63.21	164,600	62	64.69	254,240	62.91	909,000
LEGS	32-33	33.90	139,980	32-33	36.59	118,920	36.68	717,660
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	21.01	344,780	17-18	20.36	326,370	19.78	1,966,959
DRUMSTICKS	32-33	34.70	122,470	32-33	33.64	84,410	34.05	529,680
THIGHS	25-26	28.38	113,860	25-26	32.63	67,920	29.41	468,740
B/S THIGHS	81-82	81.55	55,280	81-82	77.14	38,240	79.76	306,770
WINGS (WHOLE)	58-59	61.09	342,960	58-59	62.95	225,080	63.01	1,436,440
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.25	27,920	10-12	12.22	40,840	12.24	166,450
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	20-25	20.50	5,645	20-25	20.52	15,560	20.42	58,440
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.56	18,285	40-45	44.64	23,280	44.05	118,135

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY,****DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA****(L.A. AREA)**

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG		AVG	
	04/19	04/18	04/17	04/16	04/17	04/16	04/12	04/10
ALA	4,095	3,987	3,882	3,844	5.08	5.11	4,062	5.12
ARK	5,520	6,247	5,149	5,454	4.95	4.99	5,582	4.88
DELMARVA	2,238	2,364	2,294	2,368	5.10	5.15	2,317	5.20
KY-LA-TN	2,173	2,058	2,005	2,030	4.44	4.50	1,940	4.48
MISS	2,882	2,863	2,845	2,842	5.35	5.29	2,403	5.33
NC	2,615	2,681	2,637	2,625	5.99	6.10	2,545	6.11
TEXAS	2,410	2,423	2,432	2,421	4.66	4.99	2,406	4.89
TOTAL	21,933	22,623	21,244	21,584	5.09	5.16	21,255	5.13
MON-FRI	108,972(A)						106,372(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 19-Apr 02 and 20-Apr-02 is estimated to be 32,814,000 up 2.88 percent from a week ago and up 5.2 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,895,000; last year 31,194,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 20-Apr-02 is estimated to be 158,360,000 head up 0.6 percent from a week ago, and up 4.7 percent from a year ago

(Last week 157,463,000 Last year 151,270,000)

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

RANGE		
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	92-93
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK	94-101
	ICE PACK	113
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	104-113
	ICE PACK	-
DUCKS	ICE PACK	94-98
		152-166

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending April 06, 2002 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning
Food service
4.20 Lbs & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs 5.26 Lbs & Up

-----THOUSANDS-----
Head 23,59823,328 43,621
Avg Weight 3.774.65 6.11
% of total /1 26%26% 48%

COMPARISONS

Last week 26,91819,709 47,790
Avg Weight 3.784.71 6.00
% of total /1 29%21% 51%
Same week, yr ago /2 32,31121,707 43,360
Avg Weight 3.804.68 5.89
% of total /1 33%22% 45%
To date/2002 424,961327,782 655,700
To date/2001 448,086366,422 608,969

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.

/2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 13-Apr-2002 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	157,463	1,927	1,327	3,254	405
AVG WT	5.10	3.51	7.64	5.23	6.71
LAST WEEK	152,511	1,982	1,263	3,245	363
SAME WK YR AGO	144,057	1,651	1,473	3,124	580
AVG WT	4.96	3.48	8.00	5.61	6.44
TO-DATE/2002	2,286,883	27,229	19,348	46,577	6,551
TO-DATE/2001	2,242,601	28,008	19,605	47,613	7,435

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 159.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 159.4 million head or 0.1 million head more than or 100% of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: APR 16, 2002

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL POULTRY

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.90 - 2.00	Silkie	2.25 - 3.00ea.
Red Fowl 4-4.5 LBS	.40 - .62	Pigeons	3.00 - 3.50ea.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.60 - 1.00	White Pigeons	4.50 - 5.25ea.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.70 - 1.00	Rabbits 4-6 LBS	1.10 - 1.60
Crossbred Roosters		Rabbits 7-11 LBS	1.10 - 1.42
4-6 LBS	.60 - .96	Bunnies	1.00 - 5.50ea.
Crossbred Roosters		Guinea Pigs	2.00 - 5.50ea.
7-11 LBS	.70 - .84	Kid Goats	25.00 - 50.00ea.
Banty Roosters	4.00 - 7.50ea.	Doves	5.00 - 8.00ea.
Banty Hens	3.00 - 4.50ea.		

Total Coops Sold 424

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 15-APR-2001

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND MOSTLY	137	143

	122-126	123-127
MIDWEST MOSTLY		

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	57-62	61-62
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	63-85	70-75

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	60.48-69.66
14 OZ.	66.96-76.14
16 OZ.	73.44-83.43

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Demand was moderate to at times good. Weights were desirable and slaughter schedules were full-time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.25-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.35-1.45, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$1.35-.50, livers at \$.75-1.70, and feet at \$.80-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 15-APR-2001

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS MOSTLY	116-124	125

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	AVG WT
MARCH 9	157.0	157.7	100% 5.21
16	155.1	155.6	100% 5.00
23	153.5	154.3	99% 5.13
30	147.9	155.9	95% 5.31
APRIL 6	154.4	157.9	98% 5.07
13	159.4	159.3	100% 5.10
YEAR TO DATE	2314.8	2332.5	99%
APRIL 20		160.5	
27		160.5	

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

	-----THOUSANDS-----				
W/E	04/20/02	04/13/02	% CHG	04/21/01	% CHG
Broilers	158,360	157,463*	+01	151,270*	+05
Cattle	683	645	+06	633*	+08
Hogs	1,895	1,927	-02	1,790*	+06

Under Federal Inspection

* ACTUAL

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL Majority prices were generally unchanged on the lights and heavies when compared to a week earlier. Offerings were becoming more available but continued to clear satisfactorily. Demand ranged light to moderate. The undertone was cautiously steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
22-25 MAJORITY 23-24	31-38 MAJORITY 31-31.5

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
23.5-27.5 MAJORITY 24-25	32.5-38 MAJORITY 33-34

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Demand was generally fair. Offerings were at least adequate. Processing schedules were normal to instances heavy. Sales of finished product was clearing. The undertone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading levels were too few to report negotiations. Demand was moderate for adequate or better offerings of light hens. finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Demand was mostly moderate to instances good with offerings fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants worked full schedules. Offerings ample.

LIVE HENS

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

<u>HEAVY</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(2)
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	
South Central Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
<u>LIGHT</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Eastern Light	0-0	(1)
Eastern Light	0-0	(2)
So. Central Light	TFEWR	(2)
No. Central Light	TFEWR	(1)
No. Central Light	0	(2)
(1) Buyer Loading (2) Producer Loading		

(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was moderate for the adequate to fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal to instances heavy. Offerings increased in availability but continued to clear satisfactorily. The undertone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were too few to report. Demand for spent hens was moderate with supplies adequate for needs. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

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